

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Dr. Norman Ernest Borlaug was born March 25, 1914, on a farm in Iowa, and received a Bachelor of

Science degree in forestry from the University of Minnesota in 1937; and

WHEREAS: After receiving his degree, Borlaug started work with the U.S. Forestry Service at stations located

in Massachusetts and Idaho; and

WHEREAS: After returning to Minnesota, Borlaug received a master's degree in 1939 and a doctorate in 1942,

both in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Borlaug was a varsity wrestler at the University of Minnesota, and helped introduce the sport to

high schools throughout Minnesota through exhibition matches, and refereed the Minnesota State

High School Wrestling Tournament; and

WHEREAS: In 1944, Dr. Borlaug accepted an appointment as Geneticist and Plant Pathologist to organize and

direct the Cooperative Wheat Research and Production Program in Mexico, where he was immersed him in scientific research in genetics for the next 16 years, and he was extremely

 $successful\ in\ finding\ a\ high-yielding, short-strawed,\ disease-resistant\ wheat;\ and$

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug's agriculture research in Mexico improved crop management practices and

transformed agricultural production in Mexico during the 1940s and 1950s, and later in Asia and

Latin America; and

WHEREAS: In 1970, Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime work in agriculture, which

has resulted in saving hundreds of millions of human lives by preventing famine and alleviating

hunger and malnutrition; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and is one of only five people in the world

to receive this medal, the Nobel Peace Prize, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

WHEREAS: Dr. Borlaug continued his service to humanity into his 95th year, and his legacy will live on as an

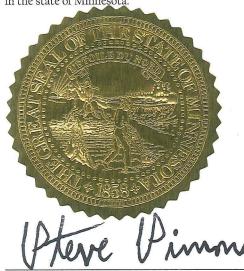
inspiration to young people, a reminder of the importance of agricultural production, and a model

of the significance food plays in ensuring world peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, October 16, 2016, as:

DR. NORMAN E. BORLAUG DAY

in the state of Minnesota.



SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7^{th} day of October.

GOVERNOR